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Weather:
Cloudy, Warmer



SATURDAY'S QUEENS: Kathie Ann Klupp (left) is the new reigning monarch of New Troy. Lois Martz (right) is Miss Lawrence of 1970. They were crowned in community Blossomtime pageants Saturday night. Eight other communities this week will select their entries for the Miss Blossomtime pageant on April 20. This week's schedule is Watervliet Tuesday evening, Benton Harbor and Fennville Friday evening and Stevensville, Gobles, Edwardsburg, Bloomingdale and Lawton Saturday evening. Stories of the New Troy and Lawrence contests are on page 16. (Staff photos)

Growers Supported By Church Council

The board of directors of Berrien County Council of Churches has voted to support a grower-sponsored petition drive to suspend new regulations for the housing of migrant farm labor.

The Rev. Edward Goodman, executive director of the council, announced the board's action saying that it hopes federal and/or state funds can be obtained to help farmers make additional improvements by 1971.

Growers have complained they can't possibly meet the requirements for 1970 and have

launched a petition campaign to make migrant housing public responsibility.

The Rev. Goodman said he believes improvements are required for housing before they can get their crops harvested.

"We expect to work with them to secure this funding for housing improvements and support immediate studies as to how to get it and use it reasonably. We also strongly urge studies be made by the agricultural extension services to determine what steps the way to aid both the farmers and smaller farmers can take, by seasonal workers," the Rev. Goodman said.

The board vote was taken last Thursday at Hinckley United Methodist church, according to Gordon Wilhong of the Committee for the Survival of the Michigan Fruit and Vegetable Industry.

"We have long worked to help seasonal workers find a more rewarding life. But we are equally concerned for the truly desperate plight of many farmers if large expenditures are required for housing before they can get their crops harvested.

"But we also recognize that many farmers are in a very tight economic squeeze."

'QUICKEST, FAIREST'

Government agencies should contribute as they have in other housing situations. "This is simply the quickest and fairest

way to aid both the farmers and smaller farmers can take, by seasonal workers," the Rev. Goodman said.

The board's position is that the Rev. Goodman's statement continued:

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Stop, Frisk Opposed By NAACP

A proposal to enact a "stop and frisk" law in Benton Harbor is being strongly opposed by the local branch of the National Association for the Advancement of Colored People.

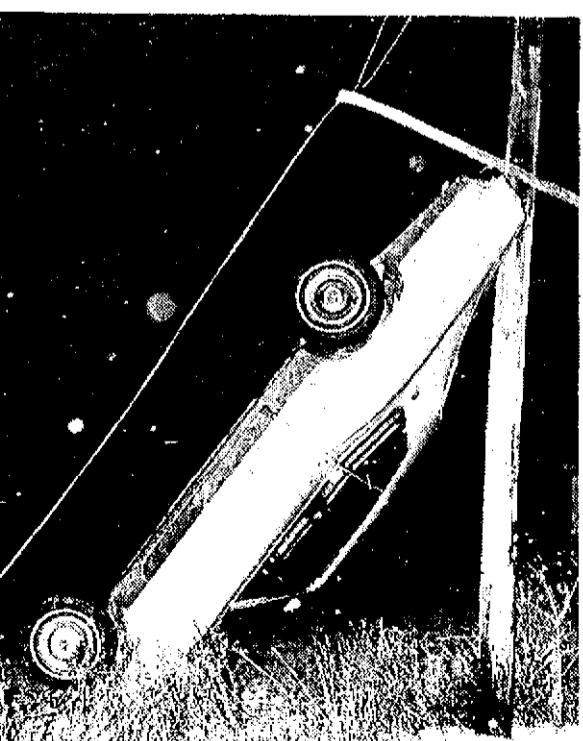
Benton Harbor City Commissioner Rex Sheeley last Monday proposed the commission consider adopting such a law. This would give police officers the power to stop and search individuals if they have reasonable cause to believe the person was carrying a weapon or other illegal objects.

"It is our opinion that this law will further harass and intimidate black people," NAACP chapter president Will Brancum said today. "Because some police officers share Mr. Sheeley's prejudices and feel all blacks look suspicious, we feel this law would not be enforced equally on all people. We feel the proposed law would create greater problems for the Twin Cities."

The protest was made in a letter to the Benton Harbor city commission, a copy of which was sent to this newspaper.

Brancum added, "It is also our opinion that no person should be searched without knowing why. We are therefore opposing this law for the protection of the rights of all people regardless of race, creed or color."

Benton Harbor Police Chief William McClaran has endorsed the "stop and frisk" proposal, saying such a law would be an important tool in combating crime.



ESCAPE INJURY: The driver and a passenger in this car escaped injury Sunday night when it skidded on icy pavement rolled over and came to rest on this utility pole. Berrien county sheriff's Deputy George Vollrath said the driver was Donald Lee Smith Jr., 19, route 3, Coloma. His passenger was Peter R. Stankowicz, 17, route 1, Coloma. The accident occurred about 9 p.m. on Paw Paw Lake road, a half mile west of Central avenue, in Watervliet township. (Staff photo)

SAILORS KNOW LITTLE OF SUSPECTED MUTINY

Seizure Still A Mystery

Nearby Ship's Crew Pulls 24 From Lifeboats

WASHINGTON (AP) — A skeleton crew of "possibly mutinous" merchant seamen apparently has seized control of an American munitions vessel and sailed into sheltered Cambodian waters in the Gulf of Siam.

The 7,600-ton Columbia Eagle was bound for Thailand with a load of 500-pound and 750-pound bombs when it was diverted from its charted course, the Pentagon said.

Twenty-four members of the ship's 39-man crew were set adrift on open seas in two lifeboats, but were reported picked up by another munitions-carrying cargo vessel en route to Thailand.

Stressing that it had only fragmentary information, the Pentagon said Sunday, "It appears that the American cargo ship was diverted in international waters by persons aboard, possibly mutinous members of the civilian crew."

AREA BARRED

The Columbia Eagle was anchored Monday in Cambodian waters 26 miles off the Cambodian coast and four to five miles southwest of the nearest land. U.S. Navy and Air Force maps show the area as barred to this country's surface vessels and aircraft.

The U.S. charge d'affaires in Phnom Penh, Lloyd M. Rives, informed the State Department he had asked the Cambodian government either to authorize him to go aboard the vessel or to send someone themselves.

No immediate action was taken, but Rives reported he expected further developments during the day.

The Rappahannock, the U.S. freighter which picked up 24 crewmen from lifeboats Saturday, reached the Thai port of Yawana near Sattahip, but newsmen were not allowed into the port area to interview the men.

TWO OFFICERS

"They didn't seem to know too much," a messman aboard the Rappahannock reported. "They were ordered to get in the lifeboats. The second and third officers got in with them."

The messman, Mohamad Muhamad Hussain, 25, of Brooklyn, added that: "One guy told me he thought it was a fireboat drill."

Another crewman, Enrique Ramos Guzman, 30, of Puerto Rico, said the rescued men reported they had been in the lifeboats since early Saturday afternoon, without food, water or radios. He said they were picked up Saturday night.

The last radio transmission received from the Columbia Eagle was sent by an unidentified member of the crew, who said: "I have been relieved from the bridge."

ALL CITIZENS

The ship is owned by the Columbia Steamship Co. in Portland, Ore. Irving Thayer, president of the firm, said the vessel left the West Coast Feb. 20. Its crew consisted entirely of U.S. citizens, including six naturalized Poles, Filipinos and Australians, he said.

The vessel was kept under

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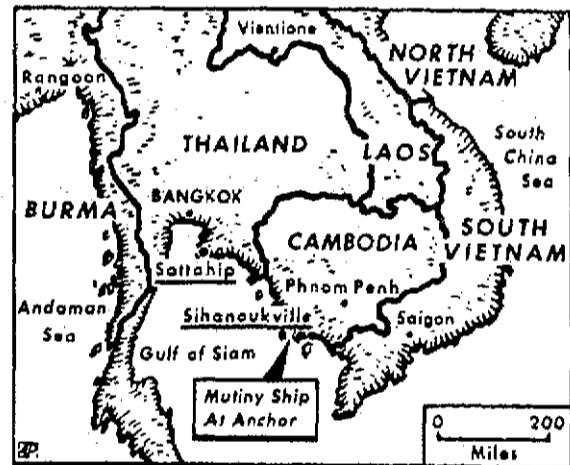
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SEIZED SHIP: The Columbia Eagle, owned by Columbia Steamship Co. of Portland, was seized enroute to Thailand Sunday. The ship was built

in Portland in 1945 and was recommissioned in 1968. This photo was taken in Portland. (AP Wirephoto)



SCENE OF MUTINY: Map locates Sihanoukville in southwestern Cambodia where the cargo ship Columbia Eagle carrying bombs and munitions is reported lying at anchor after reported mutiny. Another Military Sea Transportation Service charter ship, the Rappahannock, picked up 24 members of the Columbia Eagle's crew from life boats earlier. The ship owned by a Portland, Ore., company, was en route from California ports to Sattahip, Thailand. (AP Wirephoto)

Coloma Marine Medals Awarded To War Victim

COLOMA—A young Coloma Marine, Pfc. Thomas P. Pruett, 20, who was killed in Vietnam on March 31, 1968, has been awarded two additional medals posthumously.

The medals are the Military Medal and the Gallantry Cross with Palm. Pfc. Pruett was the son of Mr. and Mrs. Titus, West Street, Coloma, and Thomas Pruett of Benton Harbor.

The medals were presented to Mrs. Titus at her home last week.

The following citation accompanied the medals: "A service man of courage and rare self-sacrifice, he displayed at all times the most tactful cooperation while aiding the

Armed Forces of the Republic of Vietnam to repel the Red

Wave undermining South Vietnam and South Asia. With a ready zeal and commendable response, he fought on to the end in every mission and set a brilliant example for his fellow soldiers. He died in the performance of duty. Behind him he leaves the abiding grief of his former comrades in arms, Vietnamese as well as Americans."

EARLIER MEDALS

Pfc. Pruett was also posthumously awarded the Purple Heart, National Defense Medal, Republic of Vietnam Service Medal and the Republic of Vietnam Campaign Medal.

Pruett was the first Coloma service man to lose his life in Vietnam. He was killed by shrapnel fragments while in a defensive position on Hill 801, not far from Quang Tri.

Four months before his death, he had written to a neighbor in Coloma saying, "I am over here because I have to be, to protect those who are in school and those who like to burn draft cards, and all the families. I realize this, and I am proud to fight for my country, even if it does mean death. At least, I can say I fought for my country."

Happy Hour—Admiral Lounge at Now Holiday Inn, St. Joseph. Different? You bet your mate it is! Stayin' Men, Mar. 16, 5 P.M., Mon thru Fri. Adv.

Gambling Charges Dismissed

Search Warrants Ruled Faulty In Van Buren Case

By TOM RENNER
South Haven Correspondent

SOUTH HAVEN — Gambling charges against seven persons arrested last September in raids on alleged numbers racket establishments in Van Buren county have been dismissed in Seventh District court.

Judge Donald Goodwillie, Jr. dismissed the charges Friday on motion of Ray Barrett, assistant Van Buren prosecutor. The judge upheld defense attorneys' contention that the search warrants on which the arrests were made were based on conclusions instead of facts.

Court and police records show the three search warrants were issued on information supplied by an informant who is alleged to have placed bets on numbers slips.

DEFENSE CLAIM

Defense lawyers claimed the informant did not state when he placed the bets but only that he reported making them to the state police on Sept. 25.

The search warrants were issued by Magistrate Arnold Servatus in the absence of Judge Goodwillie.

Charges of conspiring to violate state gambling laws were dismissed against Joseph Spataza, 39, 215 Cass street, Bangor; Emanuel Peirine, 33, 215 Cass street, Bangor; Mary McKinney, 53, CR 681, Bangor; Catherine Hadley, 22, 391 Ridge street, Benton Harbor; Eddie Bridges, 31, Box 307, Covert; James Cotton, 36, 140 Oden street, Benton Harbor; and William Pickett, 57, route 2, Benton Harbor.

The seven were arrested by troopers from the South Haven state police post, the Van Buren county sheriff's department and Hartland village police last Sept. 25 in raids of a Hartland restaurant, Covert barber shop and a Bangor home. Police charged pocky numbers games were in operation.

CASE ADJOURNED

The case was put in open adjournment Nov. 5 when attorneys for the accused submitted a motion for dismissal on the grounds that evidence was illegally gathered due to a faulty search warrant.

Each of the seven defendants had retained a lawyer.

The court ordered that the \$477.51 in cash which was seized in raids be returned to the defendants. Gambling equipment which was confiscated will be destroyed by the law enforcement agencies under the court order.

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DONALD A. SWANN
Captain of Columbia Eagle

BH Man Held On New Count

A man acquitted last January on a charge of attempted murder was arrested Sunday morning on charge of assault with intent to rob growing out of the same incident last Nov. 11.

Jerry Guest, Jr., 23, of 125 North Sibley street, Benton Harbor, was arrested by Benton Harbor detectives shortly after midnight Saturday on a warrant charging him with assault with intent to rob and assault with a dangerous weapon, a .38 caliber revolver.

The warrant charges him with assaulting Robert Monroe, 18, of 366 John street, Benton Harbor, last Nov. 11. Roberta and her sister Janet, 15, were attacked by two unidentified men as the girls walked along Territorial road.

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St. Patrick's Special — Corned beef & cabbage \$1.20. Blossomland Rest. M-180. Adv.

THE HERALD-PRESS

Editorial Page

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Where This Revolution Really Is Going On

The United States is the most revolutionary nation on earth; and, paradoxically, Americans who have lived in the midst of revolution all their lives are largely unaware of the fact. All eyes turn toward recent social and racial upheavals and view these as the stuff of revolution while the real revolution has been occurring elsewhere, on our farms.

In a revealing documentary, entitled "The Revolution In American Agriculture," National Geographic magazine has done a magnificent job of presenting in words and pictures the story of a millennium without parallel in human history. In brief, we have reached a millennium in food production, call it revolution or what you will.

The physical proportions of what has happened were well summarized in a statement by Secretary of Agriculture Clifford M. Hardin when he said, "Through the decades before the Civil War, the American farmer produced food and fiber enough to feed and clothe himself and three other persons. A century later, when we entered World War II, new machines and techniques had helped inch the figure to himself and 11; today it has leaped to himself and 42. The superabundance from our fields comes from a dwindling number of farmers working fewer and fewer farms."

National Geographic sent a team of photographers and writers around the country to discover how all this has come about. Their findings, together with the implications for our country and the world, are almost more than the mind can grasp.

To begin with, the successful farmer of today operates one of the most sophisticated enterprises ever undertaken by man. The modern farm calls for a wider range of managerial decisions and skills than does the average family-owned factory or business in the city. It is no exaggeration to say that the myriad technological and scientific developments that have so dramatically altered life in the city have really had their ultimate utilization in agriculture.

One crop, tomatoes, explains the mystery of how so few feed so many. A single grower with a \$23,000, 6½-ton harvester operated by a driver and 14 women passengers can pick and sort 15 tons of tomatoes an hour. In the words of the Geographic, "The machine cuts plants underground, pulls them up with metal fingers, and gently shakes off the fruit. These tomatoes are miracles of plant genetics, bred to ripen all at once and having an easy to snap stem for bruiseless picking."

Harvesting is not all the machines do in the tomato fields. "Like picking," continues the Geographic, "planting has gone modern. Factory assembly lines

slip tomato seeds into plastic tapes at precise intervals. Reels of tape on a planter thread down through a digging tube. Within a few minutes of planting, soil moisture dissolves the tape. Pulling a six-tape rig, a lone operator can precision-plant an incredible 30 acres a day."

Eggs are another illustration. Out in California, a single factory near Los Angeles shelters two million Leghorn chickens that gobble 250 tons of feed a day. When egg production falls below a certain computer calculated output, the chickens go into soup or potpies. Still another example described by the Geographic is a vast cattle feedlot near Greeley, Colorado, where 100,000 steers are fattened in a marvel of automation and computers.

Somewhat surprisingly the complexity and size of modern farming operations have not abolished the family farm. Family farming accounts for 64 per cent of total farm marketing and 95 per cent of all farms are family owned. An official of the American Farm Bureau Federation says that, "The big corporation has to pay its farm managers and labor before it can count its profit. But the individual owner pays himself with the difference between the farm's income and expenses; instead of hiring labor, he takes the hours of sweat out of his own hide. And as long as we consumers reward him with enough to provide the standing of living he aspires to, he'll hold his own against the big corporations."

Another section of the Geographic documentary is devoted to the biological and chemical developments that help in the monumental struggle to control pests and insects, an area in which there is wide public misunderstanding. Seventy-five million acres of crops each year are lost to insects, weeds and plant diseases. As far as farm chemicals are concerned, an official of the Agricultural Research Service notes, "It is in the public interest to minimize contamination of our surroundings. But the farmer is not the big offender. Much of the problem is associated with industrialization and urbanization."

The future of agriculture is virtually unlimited. National Geographic paints a breathtaking picture of things to come, describing a time in which there may be agricultural plots several miles long, worked by equipment running on tracks or paved runways. Cattle pens may resemble high rise apartments in the 21st Century. A modern farmhouse may have a bubble topped control tower humming with a computer, weather reports and a farm-price ticker tape. Remote controlled machinery may do much of the work. But, compared with the farming operation of much of the rest of the world, U.S. agriculture already is in the future.

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With the Administration opposed, the committee's bill slipped into limbo.

Continued pressure for the bill from the Justice Department and protests in the press that Washington was lax in attacking fraud by the rich and powerful have now prevailed. The Treasury Department has agreed to support essential provisions of the bill, subject to some amendments, though the bankers are still largely opposed to it.

Tax, business and securities frauds conducted under the cover of foreign banking secrecy have become an increasingly pressing problem.

The committee bill, requiring U.S. individuals and corporations to report annually on the existence of such accounts, will not eliminate abuses but it could make life more difficult for some affluent dodgers.

Yankees, Stay Home!



GLANCING BACKWARDS

BENTON HARBOR QUEEN CHOSEN

—1 Year Ago—
With tears streaming down her cheeks, Miss Christy Lynn Bragomir smiled radiantly at her subjects as she was crowned Miss Benton Harbor of 1969 before a capacity crowd in the Benton Harbor high school auditorium.

The 17-year-old Benton Harbor high school senior was chosen from 44 contestants in a setting depicting "Babes in Toyland."

SET CONTRACT DATE FOR I-94

—10 Years Ago—
Contracts for construction of 5.7 miles of the I-94 Expressway from Lakeside to New Buffalo will be awarded April 6 by the state highway department, Commissioner John C. Mackie said today.

The department will also take bids on seven structures in this section of the new highway, plus some work on US-112 and M-60.

CUT RUHR SUPER-ROAD

—25 Years Ago—
The First army cut the Ruhr-Frankfurt superhighway east of the Rhine in two places today and extended the bridgehead to at least 15 miles in length.

The Americans beat off a German tank attack in heavy fighting four miles northeast of Linz, in the area, where the bridgehead is six and a half miles wide. They fought into Koenigswinter in two mile gains within three miles of open tank country leading the great Ruhr basin.

BRIDGMAN SCHOOL COSTS CHALLENGED

This is an open letter to Gerald E. Keidel, superintendent of the Bridgman public school system:

It would seem that some further communication from the Bridgman board of education, something beyond the helpful

EDITOR'S MAILBAG

Editor,
The Herald-Press.

BRIDGMAN SCHOOL COSTS CHALLENGED

letter and issue of "The School Bell" of February 24, would be of interest to voters before they go to the polls on April 6. Some of us, who strongly favor the improvement of facilities for education in the area, are frankly concerned about the costs.

First, the proposed amount of \$3,456,238 for a new high school that will accommodate some 475 to 550 students seems awfully high, that is about \$7,000 per student! And yet, that amount is for the physical building only and does not include the staff for 26 new teaching stations, plus auditorium, cafeteria, library and learning center, and athletic facilities.

Now, presumably, the 26 teaching stations will have teachers whose salaries will probably average \$7,000, or \$182,000 more expense for each year. The cafeteria will surely require cooks and helpers, the library and learning center will need a staff, and the athletic facilities will require a director, and coach or two. Won't this mean another \$75,000 or so, or a total of \$250,000 or more per year?

Second, it would not seem out of place for voters to wonder why the high school building should cost \$2,521,188 for construction, and to wonder further just what this construction really means: a theatre or auditorium that will accommodate how many? With what sort of equipment? A library center of how many books (and, incidentally, how much will actually be spent on books)? How much for video or electronic equipment? How much for athletic fields, a gymnasium, a pool?

Third, it is not clear why site development should cost \$200,000. Is this for sewage, landscaping, or what?

Fourth, one wonders whose professional fees cost \$174,000? the architects? The lawyers? Who?

Fifth, let us skip over contingency expenses of \$150,000, and miscellaneous expenses of \$25,000 and ask why 46½ acres of land that has no remarkable value, other than that it is owned by a member of the school board, should cost \$76,400, or over \$1,500 per acre. Is there not here a clear question of conflict of interest for a member of the school board to sell his land to the school board?

Your thoughts on each of these questions will be greatly appreciated.

ROBERT J. CHARLES,
Route 2, Box 436,
Bridgman

DR. COLEMAN

.. And Speaking Of Your Health

My mother went to the hospital for the removal of her gall bladder. Shortly after the operation she had an embolus of the lung which kept her in the hospital for many weeks. Could this complication have been prevented?

Mr. R. K. Wisconsin

Dear Mr. K.: An embolus to the lung after surgery is a rare complication and unfortunately converts a rather simple operation into a complex one that can often require a long period of convalescence.

An embolus is a small piece of a clot that has broken away from inside a vein or an artery. This then travels through Dr. Coleman's blood stream and frequently lodges in the lung and complicates surgery.

Modern safe anesthesia and the present tendency to get patients up out of bed quickly after surgery have considerably reduced the frequency of embolism.

Blood-thinning drugs and early recognition of clots in blood vessels have further reduced the occurrence of this condition. There is really no way that this can be entirely prevented unless it is known that an unusual heart condition or clots in the blood vessels exist before the time of surgery.

If a person has had a detachment of the retina he is more prone to have a recurrence?

Mr. L. B. B., Kansas

Dear Mr. B.: Many readers want to know exactly what the retina is and how it becomes detached. It is the delicate lining of the back of the inside of the eyeball. It is one of the truly wondrous mechanisms of the body by which light rays that enter the eye are trans-

mited to the brain.

There are many reasons why the retina may sometimes become detached. Far too often patients live in fear that this will occur because "I have a friend who had a detached retina and his vision was just like mine." This is an unnecessary fear that can be aroused by listing symptoms. Therefore, I avoid it.

There are now many brilliant operations for the re-attachment of the retina. Diathermy and laser beams are but a few with which success is attained and vision is restored. The key to the prevention of a subsequent retinal detachment lies, of course, in seeking and keeping under control the basic cause of the original trouble. The degree of success in modern eye surgery mounts each year. Even in those who may have more than one detachment, the results can be gratifying.

Is there a special diet for under-weight adults?

Mrs. H. U., Massachusetts
Dear Mrs. H. U.: An awful lot of people are going to hate you for the question, and me for the answer. Jealousy will spill over and I doubt that any readers will go out of their way to wish you "bon appetit." Creamed foods, luscious desserts, egg nog, malts and large portions of almost every fattening food can bring you the additional calories you seek. I enjoy the pastas — have some for me.

SPEAKING OF YOUR HEALTH: When last was your chest X-rayed?

Dr. Lester Coleman has prepared a special booklet for readers of the column entitled "Pay Attention to Your Heart." For your copy, send 25 cents in coin and a large, self-addressed, stout stamped envelope to Lester L. Coleman, M.D., P.O. Box 5170, Grand Central Station, New York, N.Y. 10167. Please mention the booklet by title.

JAY BECKER

Contract Bridge

North dealer.
Neither side vulnerable.

NORTH

♦ K Q
♦ K 10 9 5
♦ J 9 7 4
♦ 10 8 6

WEST

♦ S 2
♦ A Q
♦ K 9 10 5 3 2
♦ 7 5

EAST

♦ ♠ 9 7 5 3
♦ 8
♦ 6
♦ A 4 3 2

SOUTH

♦ A 6 4
♦ J 7 6 4 3 2
♦ A 8
♦ Q

The bidding:

North East South West

Pass Pass 1 ♠ 2 ♦

3 ♠ 3 ♠ 4 ♠ Dbl

Opening lead — king of diamonds.

This remarkable hand occurred in the 1961 Trials. It was first of all highly unusual because, at every one of the eight tables where the deal was played, a contract of four hearts was reached — even though declarer had four high-card tricks to lose — and second because all eight declarers succeeded in making the contract!

The bidding went as shown at the table where Charles Coon and Eric Murray — who eventually finished first in the 18-

pair field — were North-South.

West led the king of diamonds and Murray took the ace and returned a trump. West rose with the ace and was now faced with the same defensive problem that arose at each of the other tables.

The only way for West to defeat the contract at this point was to cash the queen of diamonds and shift to a club. Not one West player found this defense! They were all reluctant to cash the queen and establish dummy's jack, so they shifted to either a spade or a club (except in one case).

West's failure to cash the diamond proved fatal because declarer later deposited his diamond loser on dummy's ten of clubs. The only tricks these declarers lost were a heart and two clubs.

The defenders had an even more frustrating experience at Murray's table. West realized that East had a singleton diamond because East had played the six on the king of diamonds and would have played the eight had he held the doubleton 8-8.

So, rather than set up dummy's jack by cashing the queen, West led a low diamond at trick three for East to ruff. East could not oblige, since he had no more trumps, so Murray made four hearts.

BENNET CERF

Try And Stop Me

In "The Decline and Fall of Practically Everybody," satirist Will Cuppy once explained why the pyramids outside Cairo in Egypt still stand. "It is not in the nature of pyramids to fall down," he wrote, clarifying the situation once and for all, and added, "They probably couldn't fall down if they tried!"

You'll never catch Groucho Marx at any of those nude shows off Broadway. "I took off all my clothes at home the other night," explains Groucho, "and inspected myself closely in the mirror. Then I said, 'This obviously isn't worth eleven dollars!'"

During a visit to a Czechoslovakian farm, a Soviet official reminded a farmer, "Tomorrow is the first anniversary of our liberation of your country. Why not celebrate the occasion and kill a couple of geese?"

"Why geese?" relorted the farmer. "It wasn't THEIR fault!"

It turns out that the nude man seen at a police call box on Queens Boulevard the other night was not a misplaced actor from "Oh Calcutta!" but an embarrassed member of the



finest, warning. "Lieutenant, everybody to be on the lookout for a mugger dressed as a cop."

"I don't want one cent of alimony," conceded an angry wife in divorce court. "I just want this bum I wed in a moment of madness to leave me as he found me." "How was that?" asked the Judge. Explained the wife, "I was a widow."

Factograph

Otis Elevator manufactured the first escalator in 1900.

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MONDAY, MARCH 16, 1970

Twin City
News

ARIC TACKLES RUN-DOWN BH NEIGHBORHOODS



NEW HOUSING: Two four-bedroom houses built by ARIC Homes on Waukonda Avenue in Benton township are located on landscaped lots. They are

among five new houses built by the non-profit corporation to provide good single-family housing.

F&M Bank Applies For SJ Branch

Proposed Site At Washington, Hilltop Corner

Joining in the revived fray among area financial institutions for new office locations is the Farmers & Merchants National Bank which is applying for a branch at St. Joseph.

The Benton Harbor institution has applied to the U.S. Comptroller of the Currency, the regulatory agency supervising nationally chartered banks, for a full scale branch office at the southwest corner of Hilltop road and Washington Avenue, immediately adjacent to the St. Joseph city limits.

The application is the third effort by the F&M to locate in that area.

Seven years ago both the Inter-City Bank and the F&M applied for St. Joseph branches and then withdrew. ICB sought a Niles Avenue site near the triangle formed by Niles, Washington and Hilltop.

BOUGHT LAND

At the time F&M purchased more than two acres at the Hilltop and Washington corner.

Subsequently it sold most of the ground in an L-shaped parcel to the promoters of the Hilltop Supermarket, but retained a 30,000-square-foot sector at the corner.

Two years ago the Comptroller rejected the F&M second application for a branch at the corner.

Although he gave no reason for the rejection, the assumption prevailed in local financial circles that it was tied to the failure of the First National Bank of Southwestern Michigan to move into the Fairplain area.

The St. Joseph township planning commission refused to rezone two residential parcels on Napier Avenue a block west of Colfax Avenue which the Niles bank sought for office space.

ANSWERED PROTESTS

This zoning action at the time answered protests filed by ICB, F&M and the Peoples State Bank of St. Joseph with the Comptroller against admitting First National into the immediate Twin City area.

Recently the branch office puzzle has been re-stirred.

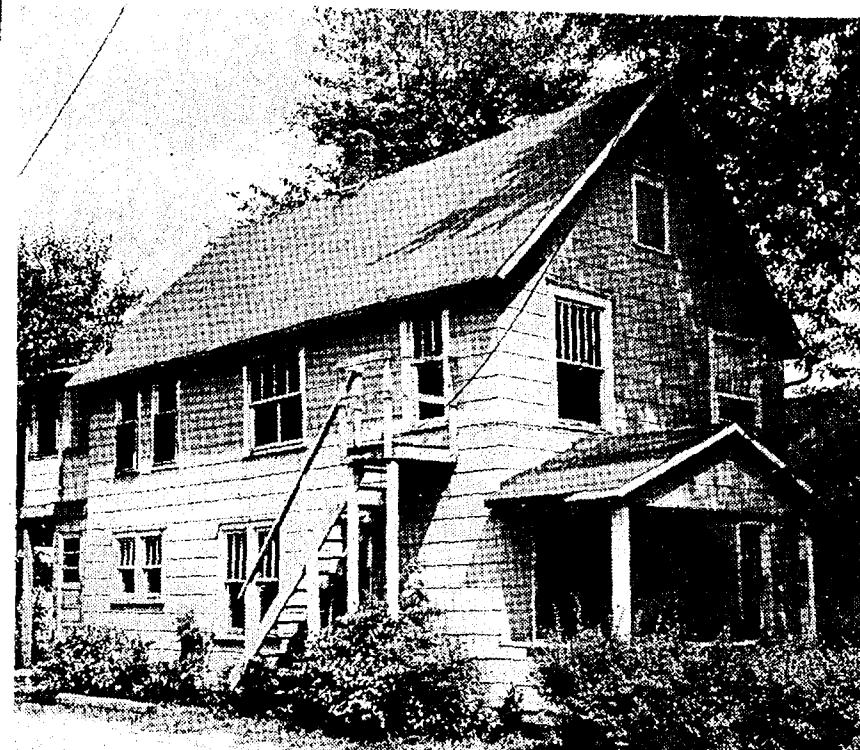
First National is asking the Comptroller to approve a second Berrien Springs office near the Youth Fair grounds and a Fairplain site at the northwest corner of Colfax and Napier.

A group led by the senior officers in the American National Bank & Trust company of Kalamazoo has applied to the Comptroller to charter a new bank inside the Niles city limits.

HEARINGS SLATED

On April 1, hearings are scheduled before the State Banking Commissioner at Lansing on a second application by the First Commercial Savings Bank of Cassopolis and Constantine to establish a branch on US-21 a few miles south from the Niles city limits. First National which successfully contested a similar application two years ago is opposing this second effort.

People's State which battled the 1963 and 1968 applications from the Benton Harbor banks is expected to fight this latest move by the F&M.



BEFORE: Law required fire escape leading from second story for this house at 873 Highland, Benton Harbor, a two-family home before acquisition and rehabilitation by ARIC Homes.



AFTER: Now that house is a one-family residence, the fire escape is gone, along with both front and back porches. Front door was moved to improve floorplan. Aluminum-sash windows and new roof were installed. A new lawn will be planted with the spring thaw. (Staff Photos)

Plastic Bags For Milk

A new milk packaging system replaces standard cartons with plastic bags will be inaugurated in Berrien County communities by Dean's Dairy, Inc., of Berrien Springs.

Company spokesmen said that fluid milk is packaged in one quart plastic bags and offered to the customer in units of three quarts in an outer bag with a

special dispensing pitcher. The milk is served by simply dropping a one-quart bag in the pitcher and snapping a corner of the bag with scissors. It is then ready for pouring.

The plastic bag packaging of milk products was developed in France, and was introduced in Canada a year ago.

Advantages claimed for the Pitcher-Pak are: The milk can

Old Houses Are Being Renovated

New Homes Also Being Sold At Non-Profit Prices

By ORVIN JOHNSON
Staff Writer

Through contributions of money and know-how, private enterprise in the Twin Cities area has taken on the public problem of overcrowded, deteriorating neighborhoods.

A nonprofit corporation called ARIC Homes was created last July. Working capital of \$225,000 was provided by the Area Resources Improvement Council (ARIC), three-year-old alliance of business and industry whose general goal is community improvement.

Ronald Sondee, ARIC's executive director and counsel, lists the goals of ARIC Homes:

- Improve rundown, overcrowded neighborhoods.
- Eliminate the most dilapidated structures.
- Provide good single-family housing.

In operation, ARIC Homes buys a substandard residence, thoroughly rehabilitates it, then sells it to a reliable family under an FHA loan.

To date, the corporation has completed the rehabilitation of four houses, all on the east side of Benton Harbor. Three others are nearing completion — two in Benton Harbor and one in an adjoining area of Benton township. Among all of these, four now are under contract for sale.

NOW SINGLE FAMILY

Most originally housed two or three families. All are rehabilitated as single-family dwellings.

ARIC Homes also has acquired three vacant lots and four substandard properties that have been demolished or are scheduled for demolition.

New homes are another part of the corporation's activities. It has built five homes, three in Benton Harbor and two in Benton township. Three have been sold.

Eventually, Sondee says, the corporation hopes to operate on its own, without outside assistance.

In some cases as much as \$10,000 is put into remodeling an old house, says Sondee, but only when the building is structurally sound to begin with. The more dilapidated structures are demolished to leave open space in the neighborhood or provide vacant lots for new homes.

ARIC Homes was set up as its own general contractor. In charge of its everyday operations are experienced contractors, Wilbur Summerfelt and the Rev. Ellis Hull. Summerfelt is operations manager in overall charge of two crews of five to 10 men each. The crews are supervised by Frank Stoffle and Charles Swanson, both qualified builders.

HOUSING CONSULTANT

Also available to the corporation as housing consultant is Henry Fenderbosch, manager of residential and commercial education for Whirlpool. Heath Co. President David Nurse heads ARIC's housing committee, which was responsible for setting up the program last July.

Once complete, a rehabilitated home is like new. Typically, workmen have installed new plumbing, electrical wiring, floor covering of vinyl tile or carpet, kitchen cabinets, aluminum sash windows. A new heating system is installed unless a relatively new one is there already. Walls may be removed and others installed to improve the floor plan.

The exterior is repainted and completely resided, and the lot is landscaped.

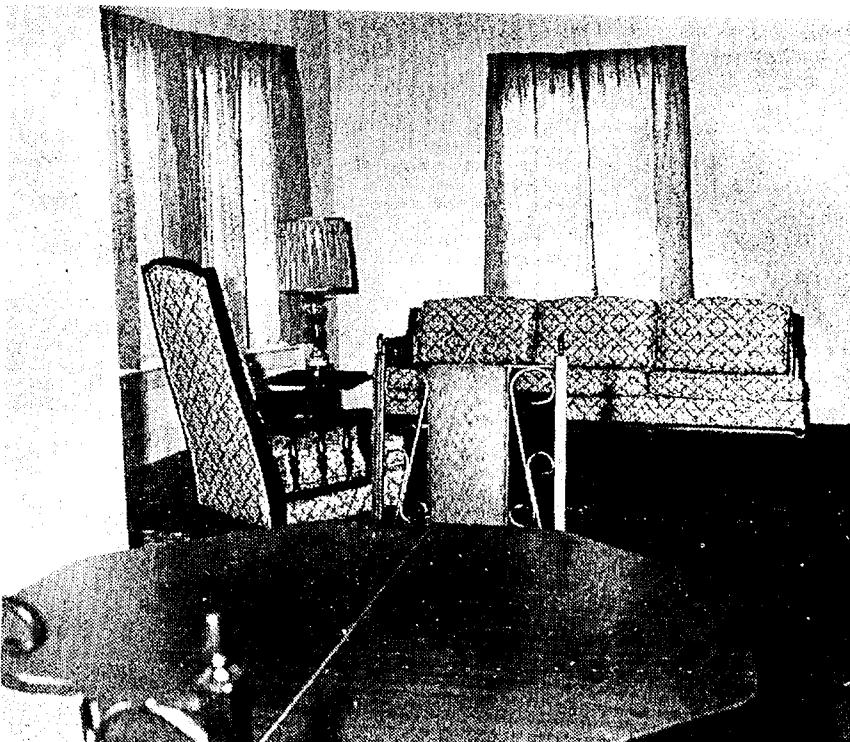
In work on both new and rehabilitated homes, Summerfelt notes the corporation tries to subcontract as much as possible. Plumbing, wiring, drywalling, roofing and the like are done mostly by local contractors.

Rev. Hull, who is associate minister of the Pilgrim Rest Baptist church in Benton township, handles property acquisition and sale. The key to the success of ARIC Homes, he emphasizes, is to buy structurally sound buildings as cheaply as possible. Then even after extensive repairs, the house can be sold at reasonable cost to the people whom the program aims to benefit.

Part of Rev. Hull's job is to help prospective buyers through the paperwork of obtaining FHA mortgages. Some may qualify for the standard FHA program



BETTER USE: A year ago this house at 842 East Main street contained apartments, one of which was raided by Benton Harbor police who described it as a distribution point for marijuana. Two persons were arrested — one received a prison term of up to 10 years and the other is awaiting sentencing. Now ARIC homes has converted the house into a spacious one-family dwelling, hopefully to serve a better purpose.



REDECORATING: Tasteful furniture and accessories, added after extensive remodeling of house at 842 East Main, gives inviting look.



ARIC HOMES STAFF: Mrs. Ruby Eddie, manager of ARIC Homes office at 873 Empire, is flanked by the Rev. Ellis Hull (left) and Wilbur Summerfelt, operations manager and Rev. Hull, manager of sales and acquisitions. Both are experienced contractors. (Staff Photos)

with low down payments.

GRAM OFFERED BY THE FHA. In this program, the federal government pays for part of the mortgage interest, which forms a large enough may qualify for a separate interest - subsidy pro-

gram offered by the FHA. In this program, the federal government may be no more than typical rent payments.

An example: A family with six children living on a yearly

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Comeback Tigers, Unbeaten Beavers On Loose

Ranked Battle Creek Overtime Victim

By JIM DeLAND
Sports Editor

KALAMAZOO — Benton Harbor's Tigers are still on the loose.

That warning sign was posted on Michigan's basketball tournament trail here Saturday night as coach Ace Elsner's Tigers clawed down mighty Battle Creek Central 88-85 in overtime to win the Class A regional championship at Western Michigan University's Read Fieldhouse.

It is Benton Harbor's first regional championship since the glory years of 1964 and 1965 and sends the Tigers prowling into the quarterfinals at 7:30 p.m. Wednesday against Garden City West at Jackson Parkside.

The sheer magnitude of Saturday's accomplishment in toppling Michigan's fourth-ranked Class A power marks the Tigers

as fearsome denizens of the tournament jungle.

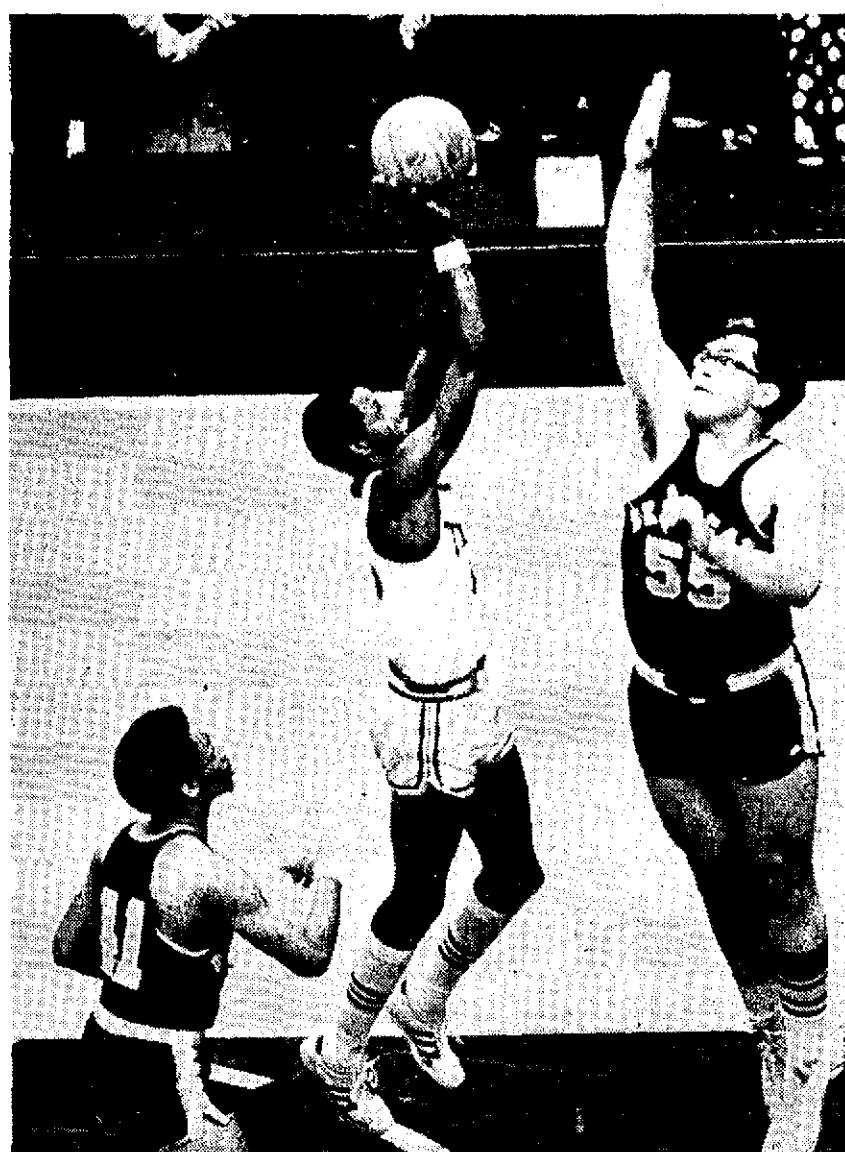
But it was a magnificent second-half rally — the trademark of Benton Harbor's 1964 state champions that earned the respect of friend and foe alike here Saturday after watching the Tigers come from 18 points behind to claim the regional crown.

"They played tough when they were down 18 points," Battle Creek coach Chuck Turner said in bitter praise. "They just kept coming at us . . . you have to give them credit for that."

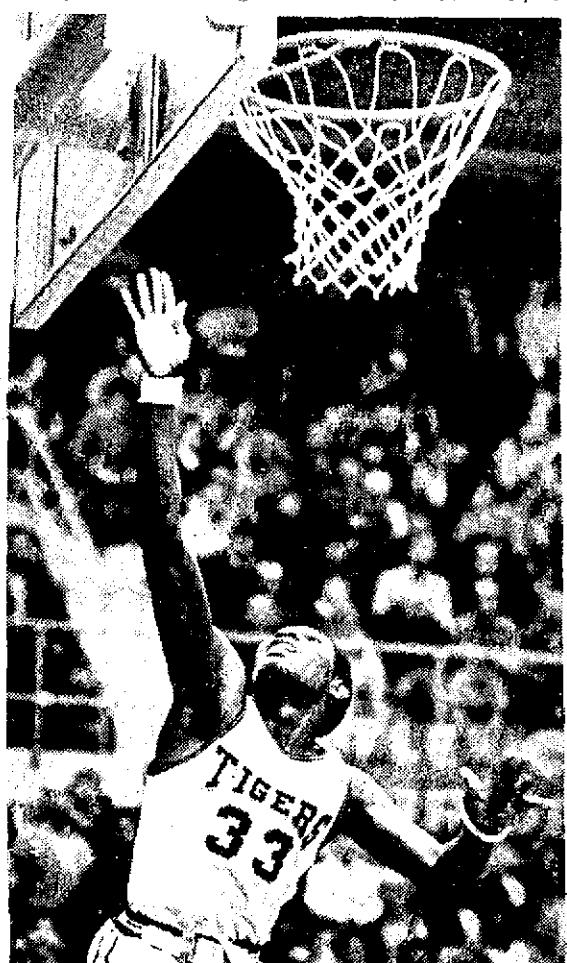
There was plenty of credit to share in Saturday night's victory.

Co-captain Don Hopkins set the pace with a brilliant 37-point performance that certainly marks the zenith of his high school career.

Using his dazzling speed to break Battle Creek's zone press,



OVER THE TOP: Benton Harbor's Jim Boyd stretches high to launch shot over the outstretched hand of Battle Creek's 6-foot-10 Steve Nelson (55) while Fred Hughes (41) watches during Class A regional finals Saturday night. Boyd came off bench to score 17 points for second straight game as Tigers came from behind to win 88-85 in overtime. (Staff photo by Wes Stafford)



VICTORY SALUTE: Benton Harbor co-captain raises his hand in what might serve as a victory salute as he flips home layup during Saturday night's Class A regional championship game. Hopkins scored career high of 27 points to lead Tigers in 88-85 overtime victory. (Staff photo by Wes Stafford)

TOURNEY GAMES

Quarterfinal Games

CLASS A

Grand Rapids Union vs. Midland, at Lansing Civic Center, 7:30 p.m.; Benton Harbor vs. Garden City West, at Jackson Parkside High School, 7:30 p.m.

Bearborn Fordson vs. Detroit Pershing, at University of Michigan, Ann Arbor, 4:30 p.m.

Pontiac Central vs. Detroit Kettering, at University of Michigan, Ann Arbor, 8:00 p.m.

CLASS B

Sturgis vs. Muskegon Heights, at Westwood, Michigan University, Kalamazoo, 7:30 p.m.

River Rouge vs. Lansing Gabriels, at Jackson Lumen Christi High School, 7:30 p.m.

Saginaw Carrollton vs. Detroit Delafield, at Grand Blanc High School, 7:30 p.m.

Bay City All Saints vs. Escanaba Holy Name, Alpena High School, 7:30 p.m.

CLASS C

Eau Claire vs. Sheboygan, at Marshall High School, 7:30 p.m.

Pontiac Catholic vs. Flint Bendale, at Pontiac High School, 7:30 p.m.

Frankenmuth vs. Muskegon Christian, at Clinton Michigan University, Mount Pleasant, 7:30 p.m.

Charlevoix vs. St. Ignace LaSalle, at Cheboygan High School, 7:30 p.m.

CLASS D

Camden-Prairie vs. Martin, at Comstock, 7:30 p.m.

Flint Holy Redeemer vs. Detroit St. Leo, at Hamlinburg School, 7:30 p.m.

Mount Pleasant Sacred Heart vs. Kingsley, at Farm State College, Flint, 7:30 p.m.

National City Bay De Noe vs. Wakefield, at Marquette High School, 7:30 p.m.

Regional Finals

CLASS A

Benton Harbor 84, Battle Creek Central 83 (OT), for Region I at Kalamazoo.

Detroit Kettering 56, Detroit Derby 74, for Region XII at East Detroit.

Pershing 50, Ferndale 82, for Region XII at Southfield.

Garden City West 72, Detroit Catholic Central 71, for Region XIII at Livonia.

Midland 72, Dearborn Central 71, for Region XV at Flint.

Grand Rapids Union 58, Grand Rapids Ottawa Hills 57, for Region XVIII at Wyoming.

CLASS B

Sturgis 76, Allegan 70, for Region I at Kalamazoo.

River Rouge 94, Willow Run 81, for Region V at Ypsilanti.

Detroit Dequatre 52, Dearborn Divine Child 51, for Region XI at Ferndale.

Saginaw Carrollton 70, Pontiac 55, for Region XV at Flint.

Lansing Gabriel 88, St. Johns 78, for Region VI at Lansing.

Saginaw Carrollton vs. Detroit Delafield, at Grand Blanc High School, 7:30 p.m.

Bay City All Saints vs. Escanaba Holy Name, Alpena High School, 7:30 p.m.

CLASS C

Eau Claire 74, Bay City All Saints 77, Cedar Springs 57, for Region VII at Mt. Pleasant.

Saginaw Carrollton 74, Grand Rapids Central Christian 69, for Region XVII at Grand Rapids.

CLASS D

Camden-Prairie 56, Wethersfield 59, for Region XX at Ypsilanti.

Flint Holy Redeemer vs. Detroit St. Leo, at Hamlinburg School, 7:30 p.m.

Mount Pleasant Sacred Heart vs. Kingsley, 45, Lake Orion 40, Bloomfield Hills 38, for Region IX at Sterling Heights.

Mt. Pleasant Sacred Heart 78, Polk 70, for Region XXI at Traverse City.

Wakefield 81, Eben 62, for Region XXV at Marquette.

CLASS E

Camden-Prairie 56, Wethersfield 59, for Region XX at Ypsilanti.

Flint Holy Redeemer vs. Detroit St. Leo, at Hamlinburg School, 7:30 p.m.

Mount Pleasant Sacred Heart vs. Kingsley, 45, Lake Orion 40, Bloomfield Hills 38, for Region IX at Sterling Heights.

Mt. Pleasant Sacred Heart 78, Polk 70, for Region XXI at Traverse City.

Wakefield 81, Eben 62, for Region XXV at Marquette.

Semifinal Pairings

CLASS A

The winner of the Benton Harbor vs. Garden City West game Wednesday will play the winner of Pontiac Central vs. Detroit Kettering at 8:45 p.m. in the Jenison Field House, at Michigan State University.

The winner of Dearborn Fordson vs. Detroit Pershing will meet the winner of Grand Rapids Union vs. Midland at 7:00 p.m. in Jenison Field House.

CLASS B

The winner of Sturgis vs. Muskegon Heights will meet the winner of Saginaw Carrollton vs. Detroit Dequatre at 2:00 p.m.

The winner of Bay City All Saints vs. Escanaba Holy Name will meet the winner of River Rouge vs. Lansing Gabriels at 3:30 p.m. in Jenison Field House.

CLASS C

The winner of Eau Claire vs. Stockbridge will meet the winner of Frankenmuth vs. Muskegon Christian at 7:00 p.m. at the Lansing Civic Center.

The winner of the St. Ignace LaSalle vs. Charlevoix will meet the winner of the Pontiac Catholic Central vs. Flint Bendale at 8:30 p.m. in the Lansing Civic Center.

CLASS D

The winner of Camden-Fairfield vs. Martin will meet the winner of Mt. Pleasant Sacred Heart vs. Kingsley at 7:00 p.m. at Lansing Waverly High School.

The winner of the Nisswa Big Bay vs. Wakefield will meet the winner of the Flint Holy Redeemer vs. Detroit St. Leo at 7:00 p.m. at Lansing Everett High School.

last year's champ.

Which means that this week

will see some unexpected faces

in quarterfinal action.

Unranked Midland will take

on fifth-ranked Grand Rapids

Union, the team that defeated

last year's Class A champ,

Dearborn Fordson

son and Pershing, are scheduled

to play Wednesday. Fordson up-

set Detroit King at Friday's

game in Trenton, which was

sixth-ranked Flint Central, 72-

71, Saturday.

Benton Harbor, by upsetting

fourth-ranked Battle Creek Cen-

tral Saturday, 88-85 in overtime,

will duel with Garden City

West, No. 10 in Class A, on

Wednesday.

Two spoilers, Dearborn Ford-

son and Pershing, are scheduled

to play Wednesday. Fordson up-

set Detroit King at Friday's

game in Trenton, which was

followed by an outbreak of vio-

lence that hospitalized four youths.

Pershing upended second-rat-

ed Ferndale Saturday, 90-88, to

stay alive in the tourna-

ment play.

Wednesday's biggest Class A

game sees No. 1 Pontiac

Central grapple with third-

ranked Detroit Kettering.

In Class B, the top trio is still

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At 7:22 mark with the Beavers

leading 21-10.

Bangor took almost comple-

control of the boards, and while

hitting nine of its first 12 shots,

posted its only lead of the night

at 31-30 with 1:05 left in

the half.

Bowerman returned after the

intermission and played the rest

of the way without another foul.

During his stay on the court,

Eau Claire had an overwhelming

63-44 scoring edge over

Bangor.

"Everything went about like

we hoped," commented dis-

appointed Viking coach Norm

Johnson, "but we couldn't get

Bowerman out of there in the

second half."

"All he did was stand there

with his hands up. But we

bobbled the ball or missed the

shot. We were careless and made too many simple mis-

takes."

Bangor also found Bowerman

impossible to stop on offense

with its 3-2 and 2-1-2 zones.

The giant Beaver center broke

up the game with 18 points in the

second half while hitting on